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SUBJECT: EMBASSY NICOSIA EAC LEBANON CRISIS UPDATE MAY 10  
1100 HRS LOCAL

REF: A. A. NICOSIA 293

[1](#)B. B. NICOSIA 00293

Classified By: Jane Zimmerman, DCM, Reasons 1.4 (c), (d)

[1](#)1. (S) Summary: At 1100 hrs local on May 10, Ambassador Schlicher convened an Emergency Action Committee (EAC) meeting to review the latest developments concerning the Lebanon crisis, follow up on yesterday's EAC meetings (reftel A and B), and discuss the mobilization of services necessary to support a resumption of the Beirut Air Bridge (BAB). AMB, DCM, RSO, RAO, PAS, POL, ECON, MGMT, GSO, CONS, CLO and DAO were in attendance. EAC members discussed updated resource and staffing needs, which Post will submit to Washington on May 12. IPC has established a group e-mail collective accessible to outside agencies called NicosiaLC@state.gov. The next EAC meeting will be May 12. End Summary.

Supporting the Beirut Air Bridge

[1](#)2. (S) EAC members discussed what would be necessary to mobilize internally in order to support a BAB. The DCM provided via e-mail to the Operations Center and Embassy Beirut information on what is needed (based on similar circumstances in 2006) to stand up a BAB.

Funding and Staffing Issues

[1](#)3. (C) Management (MGMT) reiterated that any additional costs and staffing would have to be paid for by Washington, as Post does not have the funding. DCM Zimmerman requested all section heads to update their resource requests. The DCM requested section heads to consider two scenarios (supporting Embassy Beirut vs. supporting a NEO) for staffing requests, and to indicate specific skill sets and/or propose particular individuals. An updated staffing request will be submitted to Washington on May 12.

Communications

¶4. (C) IPC has established a collective e-mail address accessible to outside agencies called NicosiaLC@state.gov, and a classnet collective e-mail (NicosiaLC@state.sgov.gov). IPC has also set up shared classified and unclassified directories so that Embassy Nicosia staff can access internal documents.

#### Next Meeting

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¶6. (C) The AMB declared that the next EAC meeting will be held on May 12.  
SCHLICHER